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Examiner : Carlos Lugo

Title : LATCH CONTROL BY GEAR POSITION SENSING

Attorney Docket #: 1000-1328

Amendment Responsive to the First Office Action

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the first Office Action mailed on 2/10/2005, and having a shortened statutory response period that extends through 5/10/2005, kindly amend the claims as hereinafter indicated and reconsider their patentability in view of the following remarks.

Examiner objected to the drawings as not showing every element of the invention. In response, Applicants submits Fig. 9, attached to this amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

The remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.